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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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Mental illness affects one in five Americans every year, and co-occurrence of mental illness and substance abuse is a significant concern that requires integrated mental health treatment. The County of Los Angeles has made a commitment to community-based systems of mental health care for all residents. Mental health is a fundamental component of general health and indispensable to personal well-being, family and interpersonal relationships, and societal interactions.

The Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health have joined the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in a focused effort to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and mental illness during the month of May 2004. The department and commission will co-sponsor the National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) Walks and the Annual Recognition Awards in May.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that this Board proclaim the month of May 2004 as "Mental Health Month" throughout the County of Los Angeles and encourage employee participation in the NAMI walk in May.

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